



REMARKS

Claims 1-8, as amended, remain herein.

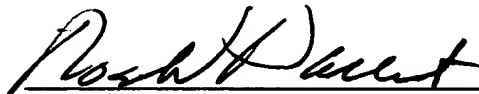
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CLAIMS

1. An explosive ammunition (1) having a fragmenting structure which comprises an explosive charge (3) configured in a splinter-generating shell (2), where said ammunition is

characterized in that

it comprises a case (7) enclosing the shell (2) and including means which during ammunition initiation will implement a mechanical stress differential at the outside surface of the shell (2), where said differential enhances splinter generation and which is spatially distributed across a regular array.

2. Explosive ammunition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the means creating a stress differential include an inside surface (8) of the case (7) fitted with an array of salients of which each related mesh (9) is hollow and is bounded by a salient rib(10) making contact with the shell (2), such a configuration assuring weakening this shell (2) during ammunition initiation along the ribs (10) to generate splinters.

3. Explosive ammunition as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~claim 1, characterized in that the means generating a stress differential include a netting (11) solidly joined to the case (7) or placed between the case and the shell (2), said netting constituting the weakening array.

4. Explosive ammunition as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 through 3~~claim 1, characterized in that the case (7) is made of plastic.

5. Explosive ammunition as claimed in ~~either of claims 3 and 4~~claim  
3, characterized in that the netting (11) is imbedded in the case.

6. Explosive ammunition as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 through 6~~claim  
1, characterized in that the array is fitted with square elementary meshes (9).

7. Explosive ammunition as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 through 6~~claim  
1, characterized in that the shell (2) is made of steel or tungsten.

8. Explosive ammunition as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 through 7~~claim  
1, characterized in that the case (7) constitutes a nose cone (7a).